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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mr. Sherman Kent- CIA

Subject: Germany

I wanted to confirm the request made to you at the last Tuesday planning lunch for a paper reviewing:

- 1. The chances of eventual East German disorders, in view of a wide variety of factors including the widening gap between Ulbricht's policies and the policies being followed in the satellites.
- 2. The chances of such disorders involving West Germany either because of eastward movement (defecting East German army, East German refugees, Soviet troops pursuing East Geram refugees) or because of westward movement (West German civilians, troops, etc. jumping in).
- 3. The subject seems too complex for a formal NIE, but an informal discussion paper laying out the best intelligence guesses would be very helpful. If we could receive it in a couple of weeks, this would be most useful.

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